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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A one-month extension of time is simultaneously requested, bringing the deadline for response to September 22, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested for the reasons that follow.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-13 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Yang et al., <u>Journal of Chromatography</u>, A 743 (1996). The Examiner asserts that the properties of the claimed purification method are deemed to be inherent, i.e., although Yang et